

REMARKS

The courtesies extended to applicant's representative during the interview of October 2, 2003 are acknowledged with appreciation.

The Information Disclosure Statement filed February 6, 2002 is resubmitted with a copy of the European Search Report, wherein each reference is designated "X", "Y" or a reference. Copies of the references are not included as they have been previously submitted to the Patent Office.

In the Office Action of July 14, 2003, the Examiner objected to the drawings as not containing the reference numeral 19, mentioned in the description. By this Amendment, claim 15 has been added showing the groove 19. A written description of the new drawing has been inserted into the specification. The Examiner also indicated that the drawings did not show the barrel nut encompassed by the barrel unit and an outside thread. By this Amendment, this feature has been cancelled from the claims.

The Examiner objected to the specification for not explicitly stating with reference to the terms and phrases of the claimed element, what construction materials actually perform the fastening means and magazine safety means recited in the claims. By this Amendment, these terms have been removed from the specification and this requirement is obviated. Also, the Examiner objects to the term spring-mass bolt. By this Amendment, references to the spring-mass bolt has been changed to unlocked bolt.

The Examiner objected to the claims as being narrative and indefinite. The claims have been reviewed and care has been taken to place the claims in conformance with U.S. practice.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims have been amended to specify that the bolt slides through the rear, not the frame or barrel unit. The Examiner rejected claims 7-10 for matters which have been previously addressed. The Examiner also rejected claims 7 and

9 for lacking an antecedent source for the terms "the frame bridge" and "the barrel block", respectively. These claims have been amended to provide antecedent basis for these terms.


The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 10 and 11 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 1,291,688 (Rosebush), claims 1 and 6-9 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,776,096 (Donovan) and claim 12 as being obvious over Rosebush in view of Allen et al.

By this Amendment, the claims have been amended to state that the barrel block extends radially outwardly of the barrel tube and abuts the frame bridge. This feature is not shown, nor described, in the prior art cited by the Examiner.

The claims are allowable over the prior art and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, and the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

If any fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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